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Letter dated 17 April 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter addressed to you by Mahmoud Hamoud, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon, on the subject of the recent aggressions launched by Israel on Monday, 16 April 2001 (see annex).

I ask that you kindly arrange to have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 40, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Selim **Tadmoury**
Ambassador
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This attack is a manifest attempt to divert attention from the infamous Israeli practices and assaults to which the Palestinian people in the territories of the Palestinian Authority is being subjected.

Lebanon warns against the ongoing series of Israeli threats and assaults against it. It urges the Secretariat of the United Nations to take urgent measures to halt and prevent any recurrence of Israeli aggression against Lebanon's territory and to require Israel to respect its sovereignty and territorial integrity and to implement the resolutions that embody international legitimacy.

Lebanon would like on this occasion to reaffirm its continuing commitment to a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East, in accordance with the Madrid terms of reference, the principle of land for peace and the resolutions that embody international legitimacy, as well as its firmly-held belief that it is such a peace that will ensure a climate of security and stability in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mahmoud **Hamoud**
Minister for Foreign Affairs